

# BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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February 3, 2023

Ryan Strout, Branch Manager  
W.B. Mason Co., Inc.  
9420 Gerwig Lane  
Columbia, MD 21046  
Via Email: ryan.strout@wbmason.com

RE: JBO-722-19 Office Supplies  
Request for Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment – Core Product List

Dear Mr. Strout:

Baltimore County Public School (BCPS) has received W.B. Mason's request, dated December 12, 2022, for a CPI adjustment to core product list items. W.B. Mason's request asks for a price adjustment which increases prices 10 to 12 percent.

To determine if the price adjustments are reasonable, BCPS reviewed the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI 12 Month Percent Change for All Urban Consumers. The CPI suggests that the 12-month percent change is 8.1 percent. See attached series report.

As stipulated in Part II: Specifications – General Requirements, section 14.0 Price Adjustment, subparagraph 14.5.1.6 "Adjustment shall be based on the average of the 12 months percentage change published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics at the time of request." BCPS will reject W.B. Mason's request for a 12% increase and approve a price adjustment of 8.1 percent for the core product list. All other JBO-722-19 terms, conditions, and prices remain the same.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: CPI 12 Month Percent Change for All Urban Consumers Series Report

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**CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)**  
**12-Month Percent Change**

Series Id: CUUR0000SA0

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Series Title: All items in U.S. city average, all urban consumers, not

Area: U.S. city average

Item: All items

Base Period: 1982-84=100

Years: 2012 to 2022

| Year | Jan  | Feb | Mar  | Apr  | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | HALF1 | HALF2 |
|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| 2012 | 2.9  | 2.9 | 2.7  | 2.3  | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 2.3   | 1.8   |
| 2013 | 1.6  | 2.0 | 1.5  | 1.1  | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.5   | 1.4   |
| 2014 | 1.6  | 1.1 | 1.5  | 2.0  | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 1.7   | 1.5   |
| 2015 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.7 | -0.1  | 0.3   |
| 2016 | 1.4  | 1.0 | 0.9  | 1.1  | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.1   | 1.5   |
| 2017 | 2.5  | 2.7 | 2.4  | 2.2  | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.2   | 2.0   |
| 2018 | 2.1  | 2.2 | 2.4  | 2.5  | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.5   | 2.4   |
| 2019 | 1.6  | 1.5 | 1.9  | 2.0  | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 1.7   | 1.9   |
| 2020 | 2.5  | 2.3 | 1.5  | 0.3  | 0.1 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.2   | 1.2   |
| 2021 | 1.4  | 1.7 | 2.6  | 4.2  | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 6.8 | 7.0 | 3.4   | 6.0   |
| 2022 | 7.5  | 7.9 | 8.5  | 8.3  | 8.6 | 9.1 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 7.7 | 7.1 | 6.5 | 8.3   | 7.7   |

avg 8.1